City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio

January 13, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on January 13, 2009.

Chairperson Nicklos presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Nickie Antonio (Lakewood City Councilwoman At-Large), Moira Dugan, Joe Lobozzo, Anila Nicklos, Dan Saracina, April Stoltz and Kyle Weigand. Melissa Garrett from the City's Community Relations office was also present. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Attendance was taken.

The Mission Statement of the Commission was recited.

All Commission members were reintroduced to one another.

Mr. Weigand moved to postpone the approval of the minutes of the November meeting of the Commission; Ms. Nicklos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of new Commission chairs was tabled until the January 2009 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Speakers Series – Discussion of the first speaker and how to execute the idea and how to effectively invite the community ensued. Ms. Nicklos explained that she had contacted Mr. Andres Gonzalez with the Cleveland Clinic for a future series event. Ms. Antonio further discussed the Series, Community Conversations and potluck events.

Facing Our History (a speakers series that is conducted in the schools in the region) was discussed extensively as well – the event is coming to Lakewood Hospital and cosponsored by the Hospital, the City and the School District. Sonia Nazario will be discussing her book *Facing History and Ourselves* and there is space for about 200+ persons at the event. It was decided that the Commission will be an additional sponsor, per se, of the event and produce and provide a book mark with our mission and logo to all event goers.

It was decided that it was imperative that the Commission lead the way in helping to spread the word about the Facing Our History event and each Commission member decided

that he/she would try and get as many people to attend the event as possible.

A discussion of behaviors of the City's police and high school students ensued, continuing from the November meeting of the Commission. Mr. Lobozzo discussed the impending meeting of various police officers and member of the high school's R.A.D. group. A brief side discussion of the topics of race and economics/social status ensued.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is to be held February 10, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Mr. Weigand motioned the meeting adjourned and Mr. Lobozzo seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle A. Weigand, Secretary

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory

Commission